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In re Application of

Ho, et al.

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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This paper is in response to the Office Action malled August 24, 2004. Applicants also file concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the time for response for three (3) months, or until February 24, 2005. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections in view of the remarks submitted herewith.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.